

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

May 12, 2005

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Casperson requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

Absent: Representative Garfield.

Representative Espinoza moved, supported by **Representative McDowell**, to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Garfield.

Representative Sheltroun moved, supported by **Representative McDowell**, to approve the minutes of the **May 5, 2005** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

Chair Casperson proceeded with the introduction of **Gary Melow (Human Relations Director)** and **Roger Silverthorn (President/CEO), Primary Power International**. **Mr. Melow and Mr. Silverthorn** gave an overview of Primary Power International and the renewable forestry material used for energy production in the state of Michigan. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair continued with the business of the committee by introducing **Rodney Stokes, Legislative Liaison** for the **Department of Natural Resources**.

Mr. Stokes introduced **Chief Lynne Boyd, (Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division) Department of Natural Resources**.

Mr. Stokes and Ms. Boyd gave testimony on the Department of Natural Resource's overall

management program for state owned forests. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **10:15 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
May 12, 2005
1 hour 45 minutes

Date Approved and Signed